

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number: 10/723,042

Filing Date: 11/26/2003 Applicants: Jinchun Xie

Application Title: "Optical In Vivo Probe of Analyte Concentration within the Sterile Matrix

under the Human Nail"

Examiner: Eric Frank Winakur

Art Unit: 3735

Mailed Sylvo / 2006 Sunnyvale, CA.

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (Rules 136 and 17(a)-(d))

Outstanding Office Action Mailed 03/06/2006 Original Period for Response Expired 06/06/2006 Request for Extension of 3 Month(s) to 09/06/2006 Sml. Ent. Petn. Fee Enc.: \$510.00 (3 months)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the above application, applicants respectfully petition that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action indicated above be extended for the additional month(s) also indicated above. A response to such Office Action and the above Petition Fee (Small Entity) are enclosed herewith. (This extension will not extend the time over the statutory period of six months from the date of the Office Action.)

Very/espectfully

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